

**GUADAM.**  
We cannot resist the temptation of publishing the following laughable occurrence, although it has a slight tinge of profanity in it. It shows that there is "something in a name." We doubt not our ministers and church-goers, will enjoy it hugely.—No one can read it without enjoying a hearty laugh:

Up in Roane county, at Spencer, they have a man named George Gaudam. Mr. Gaudam is a church deacon.

At a recent meeting, after the sermon was over, the preacher announced that a collection would be taken up, and said: "Gaudam you pass the plate."

This sounded very much like "cussing" and created considerable merriment in the congregation.

If we were that fellow, we would have our Gaudam name immediately changed to something more reverential.

Stays were first invented by a brutal butcher of the thirteenth century as a punishment for his wife. She was very loquacious; and finding nothing that could cure her, he put a pair of stays on her in order to take away her breath, and so prevent, as he thought, her talking.—This cruel punishment was inflicted by other husbands, till at last there was hardly a wife in all London who was not condemned to wear stays. The punishment became so universal at last that the ladies in their own defence made a fashion of it, and so it has continued to the present day.

The English Court of Queen's Bench was recently engaged in gravely discussing the effect of a scar upon the forehead received by an actress in a railway collision. The counsel for the railway company suggested that the matter was entirely too sentimental for the consideration of the Court, but Mr. Justice Blackburn said it was a serious thing for an actress to have a disfiguring mark upon her face.—Lord Chief-Justice Cockburn dwelt upon the lady's professional career, without dwelling particularly upon the scar upon her face. The Court supported the verdict, which gave the lady \$8,000 damages.

An American tourist has been distinguishing himself in Ireland. Mr. Fitzhenry, Boston, has run away with Miss Agnes Barry, only daughter of Newton Barry, late M. P. of the county of Wexford, Ireland. Miss Barry, financially considered, is a prize of the first-class, as she is possessed of £300,000 which she inherited from one of those dear old uncles of whom one reads in novels. The father, of course, refused to consent; but the lovers ran away to Killarney and were made one. Papa has now, of course rejected, forgiven the happy pair, and all, we may now hope, will go as merry as a marriage, &c., &c.

An ingenious drug store clerk of Cleveland, who is a chemist in disguise, has discovered a new suicide article that not only makes him famous, but it will save funeral expenses, and entirely dispenses with Coroner's and their juries and robes, sensational newspaper reporters of the pleasure of describing corpse. The article is a combination of powerful chemicals, and when inhaled, changes the entire body, clothes and all, into gases in an instant, leaving no traces of the victim, not even the life insurance policy being left. Several persons are missing and it is feared that the clerk has been experimenting on them.

Historical records shows that up to 1,632 there were no horses in New England; and their introduction into New Netherland—now New York—occurred during the administration of Gov. Von Twiller, in 1633-38. Traubull's "History of Connecticut" mentions the horse as accompanying emigrants from Massachusetts to that State, Oct. 15, 1636. The first horse seen in Canada was brought to that country from France, in a ship which arrived at Tadoussac, June 20, 1647.

It is estimated that there are now in this country 8,000,000 horses, valued at between two and three thousand millions of dollars—a sum ample to pay the national debt.

At a recent very successful seance of spiritualists in Cincinnati, a man burst in to tears when the medium described very accurately a tall, blue-eyed spirit standing by him with light side whiskers, and his hair parted in the middle. "Do you know him?" inquired a man at his side in a sympathetic whisper. "Know him, I guess I do," replied the unhappy man, wiping his eyes. "He was engaged to my wife. If he hadn't died he would have been her husband instead of me. O George, George," he murmured, in a voice choked with emotion, "why did you peg out?"

A Connecticut boy received a dollar for learning 800 Bible verses and has bought with it a handsome deck of linen-back cards.

**POLAR REGIONS.**  
Intensely cold, stormy, and ice-bound as all nature is at the Arctic Circle, there are evidences in multiplied forms to prove that the climate in those inhospitable abode of the white bear and walrus was once as mild, warm and delightful as the island of Cuba.

Vegetable productions of the soil so ancient we have no data to reckon from, are abundant. These grew luxuriantly where it is almost impossible to sustain either plants or animals with all the appliances of art, and from their structure are particularly fitted for a tropical climate. This statement requires no proof, since the archives of geology verify them by preserved specimens in the rocks, the land and caverns of the frozen North.

What force produced the change from a mild to a terrible region of storms in their most fitful exhibitions of resistless fury?—The polarity of the earth must have been suddenly changed.

Fred. Douglass and Langston are set down in the papers as not loving each other overmuch. This Langston is an unreliable, nearly-white fellow, with considerable ability at phrase making and not much sense. He is everlastingly in search of office, and Douglass, who is a well-ordered man, with a round head, is reported to have gone to President Grant and snubbed Langston's aspirations. Langston's notion was that the colored race should have some Cabinet position, because it had voted for Grant, and he had constructed himself into the representative of the colored race as aforesaid. Douglass had sense enough to know that color is a pretty mean qualification, except for matrimony, and that Langston would make a donkey of himself in whatever position he could get. Fred. Douglass comes from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and has a good oyster nature about him. He opens up well.—*Cin. Com.*

The Norfolk, Va., *Journal* states that the shipments of oysters from that port to Europe aggregate from 3,000 to 4,000 barrels monthly, and that the trade is constantly increasing. The *Journal* says: "Nearly all the oysters arrive there in good condition, and the Liverpool dealer is so much pleased with the success of his venture, that he has written to double the quantity sent him, and expresses the opinion that he will be able to dispose of a much larger quantity as the season advances. Some of the oysters sent are small; intended for replanting in English waters; others are large and luscious, ready for the table of the epicure and fit to tempt the palate of an Epicurus. This foreign oyster trade is destined to form an important feature in our commerce."

A Paris Street Scene—"Dear lady," said a child exposing a toy for sale, "buy this." "What is the price?" "Judge yourself, madame; I have eaten nothing to-day." This is dramatic enough to make the fortune of three English dramas of the period.

Potatoes are so scarce and dear throughout Ireland that the governors of the various county jails have been directed by the inspector general to substitute for the regular diet of the prisoner a ration of bread one time a week.

Keep sober and then you can talk straight. One of our druggists was quite surprised the other day to hear a fellow inquire if he had any of "Mrs. Soothlow's Winsing Syrup."

The great joiner—the lawyer; he can replace a tenant, impanel a jury, box a witness, bore the court, chisel his client, auger the gains, floor a witness, nail a case, hammer the desk, file his bill, and gouge the whole community.

MEDICAL REMARKS—"Cure! I believe you can cure nothing, unless it be bacon," said an irascible individual who was quarreling with his family physician. "In that case," said the doctor, "I should be most successful with you as a patient."

The Vanderbilt of Melbourne is known as "Big Clarke." He enjoys an income of over \$1,000,000 yearly, which he has gained as a butcher, glazier and usurer, he spends next to nothing, and lunches daily off the cheapest restaurants.

The total revenue derived by the government from brewers was \$37,306,800 from the close of 1862 to the close of 1870. In 1863 the total was \$1,628,933,82, and in 1870, \$6,319,126. 90

A Connecticut farmer having an elephant on his hands in the shape of 1200 bushels of apples, for which there were no market, "settled the matter by feeding them to his cows—at the rate of one bushel per day—with very satisfactory results, securing a largely increased flow of milk."

Many farmers are feeding their surplus crop of apples to their cows. Like sweet potatoes, sweet apples, thus given, increase the quantity and improve the quality of the milk.

One Missouri editor says of another, that "his head would do for an awning to a ten story wholesale hog-packing establishment."

A million dollars in gold, according to the figures at the mint, weighs just two tons.

A railway bridge is to be built over the Rhine, at Wesel, which will have, with its viaducts at either end, a total length of about a mile and a half.

A lady fairly posed us the other night by asking us the simple question, "When is a fish crazy?" and assured us that it was only when the aforesaid fish was in-seine.

"Mamma says it is not polite to ask for cake," said a little boy.

"No," was the reply: "it does not look well in little boys to do so."

"But," said the urchin, "she didn't say I must not eat a piece if you gave it to me."

A new branch of industry has been started in Florida, which bids fair to prove exceedingly remunerative. It is the manufacture of feather flowers that will not fade or change color under any circumstances.—The flowers are made of the plumage of the white heron, while the leaves are taken from the parakeet. They are usually rich and attractive.

At a recent wedding at Muskegon, Mich., the bride was adorned with diamonds to the amount of \$50,000. The groom sported two volitaires on his 'tirt front, valued at \$8,000 each.

An old garment recently purchased of a ragman was run through the paper mill at Eaton Rapids, Mich., and a roll of bills, supposed to amount to about \$800, was cut into hash.

A man hearing of another who was a hundred years old, said contemptuously, "Pshaw! what a fuss about nothing. Why if my grandfather was alive he would be 150 years old."

The Order of Independent Odd Fellows has 4,000 lodges scattered over the States and Territories of the Union, with a membership of 350,000, and increasing at the rate of 30,000 per year.

A lady wished to have her husband's life insured in a Boston office the other day, and gave as a reason that she wanted either a husband or some money, "she didn't care which." She never expected both at the same time.

An Iowa man recently died from swallowing a pocket-knife and injurious medical treatment combined. He got along very nicely as long as the knife was closed, but when the doctors gave him opening medicine, it killed him.

Very recently a gentleman who had just taken his residence there described Philadelphia as a city where "a family can buy two fried oysters and a cent's worth of kindling wood." For quiet people he thought it was the best city to live in of which he had any knowledge.

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